

Sully and Lavernock Community Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

14th May, 2019

Minutes

1/2020 Present

Councillor Barlow (Chairman), Councillors Bowring, Baguley, Jones, Garland, Scaglioni, Sylvester, Tatt and Thomas.

2/2020 Apologies for Absence

None.

3/2020 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sylvester declared an interest in all matters relating to Sully Centurions Cricket Club.

4/2020 Report of the Representatives of the Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council

It was noted that Councillor Penrose had apologised for his absence and accordingly no report was available.

5/2020 Democratic Session

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- (a) The resignation of the Acting Clerk to the Council.
- (b) Matters in relation to the appointment of MW to undertake machinery maintenance.
- (c) The appointment of Aspinalls as Planning Consultants.
- (d) Matters in relation to the suspended Clerk to the Council.

(e) Matters in relation to employment of contractors to undertake grounds maintenance work.

6/2020 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd April, 2019 (Part 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd April, 2019 (Part 1) were approved as a true record.

7/2020 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd April, 2019 (Part 1)

183/2019 It was noted that the footpath adjacent to the Bowling Green had been repaired.

193/2019 It was noted that Councillor Thomas had obtained information in relation to the provision of an external gymnasium.

8/2020 To Consider Correspondence Received

The correspondence available was considered. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with the Chairwoman of the Jubilee Hall Playgroup in order to consider the concerns expressed by her in an E-Mail provided by the Vice Chairman of the Council.

9/2020 To Consider Planning Applications Received

Councillor Garland provided a report in relation to recent planning applications received.

10/2020 To Consider the Report of the Chairman

The Chairman advised that he wished to make reference to no particular issues which were not included on the Agenda.

11/2020 To Consider Health and Safety Issues

Concerns were raised in relation to the chain which prevented vehicular access to the Playing Field being removed by the Sailing Club for periods thereby

permitting such access. It was agreed that the matter be drawn to the attention of the Sailing Club.

12/2020 To Consider the Reports of Meetings of Working Groups

It was noted that the former Acting Clerk had not circulated draft minutes of recent meetings of Working Groups.

13/2020 To Consider the Reports of Representatives on External Bodies

- (a) Governing Body : Sully County Primary School : It was noted that a representative had been newly appointed and that no report was available.
- (b) Governing Body : Evenlode County Primary School : It was noted that a representative had been newly appointed and that no report was available.
- (c) Community Liaison Panel : It was noted that no meeting had taken place.
- (d) Chemical Advisory Panel : Councillor Jones advised that a meeting of the Panel had taken place in March, 2019 and that he would forward a copy of the minutes to all members.

14/2020 To Consider and Approve Payments

The list of requests for payment was considered. It was agreed that the payments be authorised. Concern was expressed in relation to the significant increase in respect of the cost of the recent by-election as compared with that held previously. It was agreed that the matter be pursued with the VGCBC.

15/2020 To Consider a Request to Make use of Council Facilities.

A request from a local resident, Mrs H.Bevan Mohaffel, to make use of Council facilities for a "Sully Fest" event in September, 2019 was considered. It was agreed that free use of the facilities be granted and that the date of the event be reconsidered in order to ensure that it did not detract from the Sully Show.

16/2020 To Consider the Use by the Council of Aspinnalls Planning Consultants

The report received from a local resident, Mrs N.Parry, in relation to the use by the Council of Aspinnalls Planning Consultants was considered. It was agreed that:

- (a) The Chairman would arrange for the content of the computers previously in use by the Council to be accessed, reviewed and a related report produced.
- (b) The Council's legal advisors be instructed to review the document provided by Mrs Parry.
- (c) That, should any prima facie case of fraud become apparent in relation to the content of the report, then the matter be referred to the South Wales Constabulary.

17/2020 To Agree the Date/Time of Meetings of Forthcoming Working Groups

The following date and time of a meetings of a Working Group was agreed:
Finance : 21st May, 2019 commencing at 5-30P.M.

18/2020 To Agree the Date of the Next Meeting of the Council

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council would take place on 4th June, 2019 commencing at 6-15P.M.

19/2020 To Consider Matters which the Chairman Considers should be Urgently Referred to the Council

The Chairman indicated that he considered that there were no such matters.

In accordance with Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was agreed that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting.

In view of the lateness of the hour and the need to deal with urgent items of business, in particular the serious financial position of the Council in so far as it related to employees, it was agreed that the following agenda item only be considered during Part 2 of the meeting:

20/2020 To Consider the Report Received from the Council's Legal Advisors in Relation to Employment Matters.

The Chairman reported that he had been advised by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales that it was considered that the he had acted quite correctly in relation to declarations of interest in so far as a complaint received

from DR was concerned and that accordingly the complaint had been dismissed and DR advised accordingly. The Chairman indicated however that, as he did not wish to compromise the position of the Council in any way, he would declare an interest in matters relating to DR and would leave the room when he had concluded reading the report received from the Council's legal advisors.

Councillor Baguley reported that DR had recently submitted a grievance in relation to himself and it was noted that a grievance from DR remained unresolved in relation to Councillor Thomas. Accordingly the Chairman, Councillors Baguley and Thomas all declared an interest and left the Room at the conclusion of receipt of legal advice and prior to any discussion taking place in relation to that advice.

Following their departure Councillor Garland was elected to chair the meeting.

Councillor Garland in the Chair.

Following consideration of the legal advice received and taking account of the financial position of the Council it was resolved that phased redundancy of staff be introduced as determined by the financial position of the Community Council. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

The Chairman together with Councillors Baguley and Thomas returned to the Room.

Councillor Barlow in the Chair.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Minutes approved as a true record.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Dated.....

